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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicant in order to comply with Applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicant does not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* art reference against the claims of the present application.

TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), within three (3) months of the filing date of the application.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The relevance of Documents A5-A8 is described in the present specification.

Document A1 and Document A8 claim priority based on the same first-filed application.

Document A4 relates to an automotive room lamp assembly. Document A2 and Document A4 claim priority based on the same first-filed application.

Document A3 relates to a mounting structure of a room lamp device for an automobile.

English translations of Documents A3-A8 are not readily available. However, the absence of such translations does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted foreign language documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609). English language abstracts are attached.

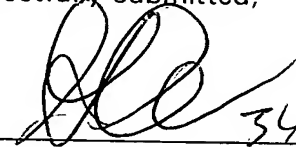
Applicant respectfully requests that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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EXAMINER INITIAL	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE	
	A1	2001/0022730	09/20/01	Nagata et al.	362	490	1996 U.S. PRO 10/09/1587  03/07/02	
	A2	6,056,423	05/02/00	Takano et al.	362	488		
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	A3	11-115628	04/27/99	Japan				Abstr.
	A4	11-123985	05/11/99	Japan				Abstr.
	A5	2001-30827	02/06/01	Japan				Abstr.
	A6	2001-30828	02/06/01	Japan				Abstr.
	A7	2001-97112	01/10/01	Japan				Abstr.
	A8	2001-260747	09/26/01	Japan				Abstr.
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